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OR,

"JACK with his GOLDEN CHAIN in the PARLIAMENT-HOUSE."

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Mr. WILKES AND THE MINISTRY.

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LORD MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LONDON.

My Lord,

As You was the Associate with Mr. Wilkes for the *Sheriffalty* and *Mayoralty*, and accordingly have distinguished Yourself as a *true* Son of Liberty in avenging the *Public* Cause, which, for so many Years past, has been insulted and trampled upon by a corrupt, venal, and profligate Ministry;

STRY: I know of No One to whom the following little Piece can be dedicated with more Propriety (and for which I have the Public Voice) than your Lordſhip.

I have the honour to be,

MY LORD,

With all due Reſpect,

Your Lordſhip's moſt obedient,
humble Servant,

THE AUTHOR.

October 25,
The King's Acceſſion-Day,
1774.

" The MINISTRY in *the Suds*." &c.

MR. WILKES having been elected *Alderman* and *Sheriff*, and now rais'd to the *City*-Chair and Member for *Middlesex*, thro' the blundering ſtupidity and infatuated obſtinacy of his very beſt of *Friends* THE MINISTRY, for whom he has reaſon to pray as long as he lives, that They may ſtill go on in their *wrong-headed, pigeon-liver'd*, and *muliſh* way: it is natural to Any one of the leaſt ſpeculation, to enquire how all this is come to paſs in a Man of his originally private and obſcure ſituation.

That We *have* had ſome moſt iniquitous and arbitrary lengths run by ſome *late* MINISTERS: (for I hope, Gentle Reader, you think I have more good *manners* than to mean the *preſent*.) I do moſt readily agree with you, and could as heartily wiſh to ſee the Authors of them

moſt deſervedly puniſhed, by being hung up as high as *Haman* ever was, as Violators of the *Rights* and *Liberties* of the *Subject*. Witneſs only that moſt exſecrable, (Star-Chamber) *Warrant* for ſeizing MR. WILKES's *Papers*, &c.

And moreover; That We have had moſt impious, inſolent, and daring liberties alſo taken *with* THE PRESS, as likewiſe *againſt* it, is equally notorious, ſhameful, and ſcandalous! Now, as the *Public* Cauſe of LIBERTY has been moſt wickedly abuſed, inſulted, and oppreſt by *The Miniſtry* in their attack upon *Mr. Wilkes*; the following Remarks upon *Him* and *Them* are ſubmitted to the Reader's Conſideration.

As every one is at full liberty to think and judge for himſelf, what I here offer, is the general Opinion of the *un*biaſs'd and *un*prejudic'd part of The Public.—His *Private* Character, I ſhall leave to Others to conſider, it being foreign to our preſent purpoſe: but in his *Public* one, The *Secretary's Warrant* was, beyond the leaſt doubt, a moſt abſurd and iniquitous

ſtretch

ſtretch of Power, by far exceeding the bounds of *The Præ-rogative!* and, I fancy, Thoſe that iſſu'd it, are, by this time, pretty well ſick of their Scheme. From this *wiſe* and *honeſt* Proceeding of theirs, the Beginning of all our late Tumults and Confuſions muſt undoubtedly be dated: for thro' *Mr. Wilkes*'s ſides, the *Liberty* of the *Subject* was moſt unjuſtly wounded! and, ſo far, *his* Caſe becomes a *Popular* Concern.

How far his Character, either *Public* or *Private*, ſtands impeach'd as to No. 45 of *The North-Briton* and *The Eſſay on Woman*, has been amply diſcuſs'd, and therefore ſhall wave it, by only aſking a queſtion or two:—When Cauſe of Complaint was *pretended* to be found againſt *Mr. Wilkes*, as the Author, real or ſuppos'd, of the two aforeſaid Papers, "Why did not our then *chaſte*, *virtuous*, and *honeſt* MINISTRY keep him where They had baniſh'd him, or ſomewhere elſe?" and, when he was on his return home, "Why did our then *vigilant* and *cou-*

rageous MINISTRY ſuffer him to ſet foot on *Britain*'s ſhore to come in open triumph, and offer himſelf as *Repreſentative* for the greateſt *City* in the World?" and, when *that* would not anſwer his Friends efforts; for one of the moſt reſpectable *Counties*; and even *there*, tho' he had ſo great a majority of Votes, " Why did not the *Wiſe-Acres* let him take his ſeat quietly in the *Houſe*, which would have been an Argument of *their* Good Senſe and *his* Right?'

Can it poſſibly be believed by Poſterity, that our *then State-Quacks* and *Conjurors* could be ſo abſurdly ignorant of the Genius, Temper, and Diſpoſition of *their own* Country, as not to be thoroughly ſenſible of what every *Cobler* knows, " That if you have a mind to make a Man *conſpicuous*, only *oppoſe*, *oppreſs*, and *perſecute* him, and you will moſt infallibly do it;" to *his* fame, whether real or falſe, and to the certain diſgrace of *Thoſe* who were the Authors.—But our *then* PILOTS at the *Helm* fell unfortunately (for the *Ship* I mean

I mean, tho' fortunately for *Themſelves)* among ſome *Narcotics* and *Opiates* that lull'd Them aſleep, till They brought this *Great Whale* bouncing againſt it! but They that *have* been *Blunderers*, will blunder *ſtill!* They may thank *Themſelves* for thoſe *Storms* in which *The Britannia* has been toſs'd, which they had not either the *ſenſe* to foreſee, or *inclination* or *courage* to prevent!

However—*Mr. Wilkes*, by *their* means, (But thanks to *Providence* for *this!)* has thus *eventually* brought *ſome* Good out of *much* Evil intended by their *leaden* Heads and *putrify'd* Hearts! Mercy on us! Gentle Reader—What will *Poſterity* ſay to all this in the future Annals of Engliſh Hiſtory? They will lift up their Hands and Eyes, and throw down the Book with rage and indignation!

But come—As We are now, perhaps, at the *worſt*, Let Us hope that Times will *mend*!—But ſurely, They will bluſh for *Thoſe*, who can't or won't bluſh for *Themſelves!* That a Man in *Mr. Wilkes*'s ori-

ginally private and obſcure ſituation ſhould have been ſo much "in the mouth of the People," both in *his own* Country and *half* over the World, and *now* rais'd to the *higheſt* Honours with which a Man can be inveſted, both *King* and *People* may entirely thank *Thoſe* who pretend to call Themſelves THE KING'S FRIENDS; and had *Mr. Wilkes* been as ſtaunch a *Friend* to POPERY and ARBITRARY POWER, as it is plain he is an utter *Enemy* to them, and thereby had an eye to THE THR**E, the very *late* and *preſent* Proceedings of theſe ſame FRIENDS, leave us no room to doubt ,hat they would lend him a ready and helping hand to place him there;

"A word to the Wiſe, as We ſay, is enough:" and therefore, let GEORGE beware, in time, *not* of JOHN, but of CHARLES! and while they have been all along endeavouring to keep out the ONE, let him take care, I ſay, that they don't poſs in the OTHER!—"The *Sun* beholds "all this, but alaſs! *Poſterity* will deny "it.—"

My

My *honeſt* Countryman, the late SIR ROBERT WALPOLE, that *great* and *well-known Friend* to RELIGION and VIRTUE, was a moſt excellent *State Doctor* indeed. *He* knew *too* well how the Pulſe of the Engliſh beat to ſuffer ſuch Convulſions in the *Body Politic*:—He always carry'd his *Medicine-Cheſt* about with him in his Pockets, and took care to have a *Salve* for every Sore; and tho' his *private* Label was,

"To ſpeak what We think:"

Yet he well knew that he had a much better in *public*,

"That every Man had his *Price*."

He was ſo ſenſible of the happy effects of the GOLDEN PILL, as to find it eſſential to the ſoundneſs of *The Conſtitution!*

His *Succeſſors*, indeed, have very *wiſely* and *honeſtly* followed his Recipe: and therefore what ſignifies at any time a *Change* of *The Miniſtry* ſo long as the ſame *weak* and *wicked* Meaſures are ſtill kept going?

And

And now, Gentle Reader, give Me leave to lay before You the following Story which may not be unſuitable to our preſent ſett of *worthy* and *honeſt* MINISTERS: It was told me by a pleaſant Friend the other day, and I give it You as well as I can recollect it for *Your* Amuſement, *His Majeſty*'s uſe, and *their* Benefit.

The *Jews* are well known to eat no meat but what is kill'd by *Themſelves*: *Mr. Weſt*, an eminent Carcaſe-Butcher in *White-Chapel*, uſed to let one *Moſes Snapper* (a *worthy* Wight of that fraternity, and a *true* Son of *Abraham*) have the free uſe of his Slaughter-houſe for that purpoſe: During *Moſes*'s operations this way, the Men often miſſed little Bits of their Maſter's Meat, and *They* were as often reprimanded by him as the Cauſe. His ſuſpicion and charge vexed Them greatly, from a conſciouſneſs of their own innocence, and were determined to find out the *real* Cauſe:—They had, for ſome time before, reaſon to ſuſpect *honeſt* Maſter Moſes: accordingly

They

They one day watched him "and de-
"tected him in *the Fact*." They inſtantly carry'd him to their Maſter, pretty well laden with his Spoils: He ſoon diſburden'd him, and order'd his Men to give him a ſound drubbing for his ungrateful Behaviour. *Moſes* was terribly frightened at the preparation They were making: and falling on his knees, begg'd for Mercy. *Mr. Weſt* aſk'd him what he could ſay for himſelf? to which *Moſes* very *honeſtly* reply'd, "*Mr. Vaaſt*, *Mr.*
"*Vaaſt*, Let Me ſpeak one two tree
"ſmall words in your ear—You know
"I am a *Toketor*, and that I cure *Varts:*
"But no Varts *can* be cur'd unleſs the
"bit of Meat apply'd to them is *ſtolen:*
"Now, by G— Alm——ty! tho' I *have*
"pick'd up by the way a bit or two of
"your meats, yet had not you much
"better truſt a TEEF that You *do* know,
"than a TEEF You do *not* know?"—

Happily for *King* and *People*, HIS MAJESTY has got about him a Sett of very *honeſt*, *worthy*, *un*-corrupt, and *diſ*-

intereſted

intereſted Men! *open Foes* to Diſſimulation and Hypocriſy—*true Friends* to PROTESTANTISM and MONARCHY--and *avow'd Enemies* to Injuſtice and Oppreſſion of his *Subjects!*—*If* They are blameable, it is only for *one* thing, and for which the whole Kingdom muſt condemn Them; They are ſo ſtudious for the *Good* of their Country, as utterly to *neglect* Themſelves and their Families;---They (Poor Creatures!) have no notion of getting *Poſſeſſions* for *Themſelves*, and *Reverſions* and *Titles* for their *Wives* and three or four of their Sons at a time! However—tho' ſo many of Them are highly blameable for this *neglect:* Yet, commend me to my good LORD BARRINGTON, who, on being aſk'd ſome time ago by an *Alderman* of *Plymouth*, how *He* manag'd to keep always IN, as the OUTS and INS were ſo often dancing the hay, very *honeſtly* and with as much modeſty (peculiar to his Lordſhip) reply'd with a great *Oath*, the *Grace* of all *polite* Converſation at the *Court* end of the Town, "That

"he

" he always looked upon *the State* as a " large *Plumb-Pudding*: and that for *his* " part, by G--d as long as he could, he " was reſolv'd to come in for *his* ſhare " of it." A moſt *wiſe*, *virtuous*, and *honeſt* reſolution! and as far as my poor weak head will enable Me to judge, it is the *Original* Picture of all our MODERN *Patriotiſm*.

The popular Cry by *Whigs* and *Tories*, *Jacobites* and *Revolutioniſts* is PATRIOTISM, but by what little *I* ſee, at this vaſt diſtance I am from the *Great World*, the bottom of Them All, in *Church* as well as *State*; (like Hell and the Grave, " Give, Give!") is SELF.---Give Them but a *Place*, *Penſion*, *Government-Contract*, or *Mitre*, and farewell *Patriotiſm*! Particulars plenty I have now in my eye from the *open* and *honeſt* SIR GILBERT ELLIOT, to the *modeſt* and *patriotic* Maſter MUNGO, &c; &c; &c;--

But, Gentle Reader, to be ſerious a little---LUXURY is the *root* of all our evils: and moſt certainly will, and *muſt* be ſooner

or later (if not timely ſtruck at by the *Axe*) the ruin of the moſt renown'd Kingdoms of the World! Without our going further into *Antiquity*, ATHENS and ROME are ſufficient to mention: and, like *Them*, *We* are haſtening towards the point of our *Diſſolution!*---Our *Body-Politic* is too much like the *Natural*---an *Ulcer* has over-run it from *Head* to *Foot!* and unleſs ſome *ſtrictly honeſt* STATE-SURGEON ariſes (for as to *skill*, there wants none) and will, with the intrepidity of the *Eagle's* eye, and the boldneſs of the *Lion's* heart, take the *Knife* in one hand, and *Cauſtic* in the other, and *cut* and *burn* all before him, till he has prob'd the wound quite to the bottom, for, otherwiſe it is only *skinning* it over, there muſt, in a little time, be an end to *The Conſtitution*.---Our recovery is not only doubtful, but alſo, humanly ſpeaking, utterly impoſſible!---

There is a well-known Obſervation of the *Ancients* "That thoſe, whom PRO-"VIDENCE will deſtroy, it firſt *infatu-*

"*ates*,

" *ates*, or *makes* Them *mad!*" how far this has been verify'd among us, our moſt ſtrange, abſurd, and unaccountable Proceedings of the *Miniſtry*, in occaſioning ſuch confuſions abroad in our *Colonies* will beſt tell!—and therefore, after All—unleſs a ſpeedy *Reformation* of the *Morals* of this Kingdom takes place by the *Divine* Aſſiſtance, what ENGLAND may be in the beginning of the *next* Century, if not *before*, Every one who is an HONEST Engliſhman and TRUE *Briton*, muſt dread to think! There is only wanting an hearty *deſire* and fixt *reſolution* for ALL PARTIES to unite in this good and neceſſary work of reſtoring the Nation to it's *real* Greatneſs and Glory, I mean it's MORALITY, VIRTUE, and RELIGION!—

It is well known to all Thoſe who are but tolerably converſant in Hiſtory, " That BRIBERY and CORRUPTION were the *chief*, if not *only*, Cauſes of the overthrow of thoſe *Free* Governments of GREECE and ROME:—By *theſe* means, PHILIP of *Macedon* ruin'd moſt of the Common-

wealths

wealths of *Greece* ſo much celebrated in Ancient Hiſtory.—The *Spartan* State, which had flouriſh'd with ſuch glory about *eight hundred* Years, was ſoon deſtroy'd by the CORRUPT uſe of thoſe immenſe Riches, with which their PERSIAN and ASIATIC Conqueſts had furniſh'd Them. The ruin of the *Roman* Common-wealth alſo, is, by the beſt Writers upon it, very juſtly imputed to *that* CORRUPTION with which They were over-run, when They became Maſters of ASIA, AFRICA and JUDÆA. *Before* that time, HONOUR was the *Reward* of Good and Great Actions! But *then*—MONEY, *without* Merit, open'd the door very eaſily to KNAVES and FOOLS, (as *now-a-days*) while HONEST Men were entirely excluded! *Then*, it ſeem'd even a CRIME to be *Virtuous:* and the *Roman* People (like the *Britiſh* now) became ſo *horribly* DEGENERATE and CORRUPTED, "That THE CONSULSHIP, Government of COLONIES and PROVINCES, Command of ARMIES and NAVIES, and every STATE Employ, were put up *to Sale:* and all carry'd

carry'd by CABALLING and BRIBERY, without the *leaſt* regard had to the *Merits* of Men, and their *Services* to their COUNTRY!

This occaſion'd that ſevere, but juſt, Obſervation, "That They would *ſell* "even THE CITY *itſelf*, could a *Man* be "but found who was able to *purchaſe* it." and *this*, (if I remember right) was ACTUALLY done by *one* DIDIUS JULIUS, or JULIANUS.

And how was *our own* Nation brought to the *brink* of DESTRUCTION by the CORRUPT Practices of the Reign of CHARLES the *Second! Then* was the time when all Men of *Virtue*, *Integrity*, and *Love* to their COUNTRY, ran the hazard of being RUIN'D! In ſhort—How did The Kingdom *groan* under the *burden* of thoſe WICKED and CORRUPT Practices: the ſad effects of which, are to *this* day moſt ſenſibly and fatally felt!

The PEACE of EUROPE then begun to be *traffick'd* away: and to *that* CORRUPTION and the baneful influences of the

laſt

laſt infamous, weak, and wicked PEACE, made and *bargained* for by that ignorant and corrupt *State-Quack* LORD B**E, is owing the growth and hitherto *unſubdu'd* Power of FRANCE.

If, therefore, to ſell the determination of any difference between *Private* People, is deſervedly to be deteſted: how juſtly execrable muſt THOSE Wretches render Themſelves, (whether the *real* or *oſtenſible* MINISTERS, or *both*) who SELL *whole* Nations, and the *Rights* and *Privileges* of A FREE-BORN PEOPLE!—

F I N I S.